AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the ABSTRACT as indicated:

The invention relates to a deployment ~~Deployment~~ systems for deploying a bone fixation device ~~are disclosed herein~~. One embodiment of a deployment system includes a syringe-shaped body configured to provide proximal traction to a bone fixation device in response to a compressive force between a finger grip and a plunger adapted to be engaged by the heel of a clinician's hand. The device may include a collet for gripping a proximal pin of a fixation device. The deployment device may also include a tool that includes an elongate body with a distal tip adapted to rotationally engage a bone fixation device in order to axially rotate the fixation device. A further deployment device embodiment includes a cauterizing tip for heat-cutting an excess portion of a pin of a bone fixation device.

Please amend the specification in paragraph [0001] as indicated:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/991,367, filed November 13, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 6,511,481 ~~6,551,481~~, issued January 28, 2003 and this application claims the priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Patent Application 60/451,296 filed February 28, 2003 and Provisional Patent Application 60/464,398 filed April 21, 2003, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please amend the specification in paragraph [0097] as indicated:

[0097] Figures 9-11 illustrate another embodiment of a deployment device 220. As will be explained below, this embodiment is generally configured to proximally retract the body 28 with respect to the proximal anchor 50. In certain embodiments, the deployment device 220 may be used in combination with the deployment device 200 of Figures 8A and 8B. In such embodiments, the deployment device 200 of Figure 8A may be used to rotate the body 28 and the deployment device 220 of Figures 9-11 may be used to proximally retract the body 28 with respect to the proximal anchor 50. In other embodiments (see e.g., Figures 13 and 14), the device 220 is configured to also rotate the distal anchor 34. With initial reference to Figure 9, in the illustrated embodiment, the device generally includes an elongate syringe-shaped body 222 having a proximal end 224, and a distal end 226. The deployment device 220 also generally

comprises a first actuator, such as a palm engagement portion, such as a plunger 228, at the proximal end 224, a second actuator, such as a finger engagement portion, such as a finger grip 230 attached to a second component or inner component such as a proximal housing 232 located distally therefrom, and a first component or inner component such as an elongate distal housing 234 extending distally from the finger grip 230. As will be apparent from the description below, the device 220 preferably defines a lumen that extends through the device 220 such that it may be used over a guidewire.